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Correspondence Column

Description of Prize Picture.

Dear Editor—I was very much pleased to see my drawing in print. I hope you will find an original in the picture of a picture I won at school. I was very glad to see it in the paper and every time I see it I think of the many hours I spent on it. My work will be a great success. I am of course, your true friend.

EVERLYN E. DYKE, 2014 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Thanks for the Family.

Dear Editor—To thank you for the family I was awarded. We appreciate it very much indeed. You see we are not a jealous family and we rejoice with each other when a prize is won. I am rather a hopeless case, though as far as the arts go, and if a prize is won, I am sure it is a great success. I don't doubt about me, and please accept our thanks. Your sincere friend.

CLARENCE K. WYATT, National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va.

Proud of Wearing Medal.

Dear Editor—I am proud of the medal I have won. It is a great honor and I am very glad to wear it. I hope you will find it in the paper. I was very glad to see it in the paper and every time I see it I think of the many hours I spent on it. My work will be a great success. I am of course, your true friend.

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Will Try to Do Better.

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CONNIE MURRAY, South Boston, Va.

Received Badge and Letter.

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HAROLD VINCENT, Brooklyn, N. Y.

January.

If our memories were 500 years long, and every New Year's Day recalled to our minds what has happened in all the January days of other years, it would be one of the most wonderful pictures that can be imagined. To the Saxons of old England and Germany, January was the "wolf month" because the hungry wolves prowled most dangerously in the death of winter. It is strange to think that midwinter with us is midsummer across the equator, but when Juan Diaz de Solis, cruising down along the coast of South America, discovered a new port on January 1, 1493, it was the height of a tropical summer, and he named the port Rio Janeiro, in honor of the day.

It was on the 18th of January, 1541, that Vasco Nunez de Balboa came back to the little town of Darien after he had discovered the Pacific Ocean. All the people turned out to welcome him, and he was a proud man as he made his triumphal march through the cheering crowds, and thought of what the King of Spain would say when he heard that the red and yellow banner waved over a trackless ocean.

On January 28, 1788, the first company of English soldiers sailed through summer seas to Australia. How unbelievable it must have seemed to them in that strange island we can only fancy when we think that there the swans are black, the lizards smaller than sheep, the birds laugh and talk like human beings, and some birds wear hair and some animals have bills like ducks.

January has been the birth-month of several famous men among them: Ben Jonson, born January 21, 1572; Robert Burns, born January 25, 1733; the Scottish societies still celebrate his birthday every year; Benjamin Franklin, born on January 17, 1706; Alexander Hamilton, born January 11, 1757; Daniel Webster, born January 18, 1782; General Israel Putnam, born January 27, 1718; and Marcellus, born in 1418. Two of the greatest rulers of Germany were born in January—Frederick the Great, born January 24, 1712, and the present Emperor, William, born January 27, 1859. The birthday of Joan of Arc is January 6, and by a curious coincidence Twelfth Night, the twelfth night after Christmas, is in France known as "The Night of Kings."

It has been said that revolutions always begin in summer, but by an odd freak of destiny both the kings who have been victims of revolutions met their fate in January. Louis XVI, of France was guillotined on the 21st of January, 1793. Peter the Great died January 29, 1725, and on the same day in 1790 Sir Francis Drake died in his own sailboat. In his fifty years of exploring and fighting.

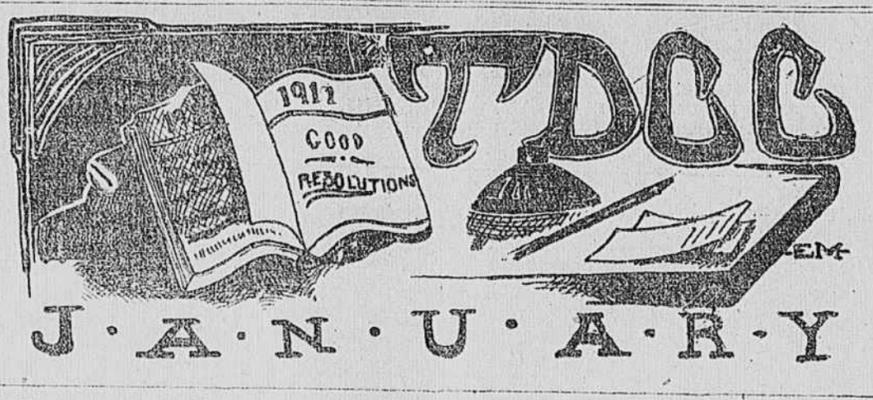
Selected by J. HOWARD DAVIS, JR., 1216 West Cary St., Richmond, Va.

January.

This month is the first of the year. It originally had only twenty-nine days, but now has thirty-one, two having been added by Julius Caesar. Its position as the first month was fixed by English Parliament in 1752.

January is named for an ancient Latin divinity, named Janus. This god represented the past. He presided over all beginnings, opened the year, and was supposed to be porter of Heaven and keeper of gates. He is generally depicted sitting on a stool. He has in one hand a very large key, and in the other a staff. He has his robe thrown over his right arm, and sandals on his feet. New Year's Day was his chief festival.

EVELYN E. DYKE, 2014 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.



Editorial and Literary Department.



EMMA V. CHADWICK.

This medalist and winner of the gold prize given for the best work done by a girl on the T. D. C. G. Page during the year 1910. Her reply to the editor's announcement that she had won the prizes follows here:

Dear Editor—I received your letter yesterday morning, and you don't know how pleased and surprised I was. I hardly know how to thank you for remembering me. I like my drawing so well that I always try to do my best regardless of prizes. My first ambition is to be an illustrator. I can paint, too, and away off in the future I want to be an artist, so you can see I have a great deal to look forward to. I've never had my picture taken, but I'm waiting for a pen and ink sketch. What do you think of it? I looked in the glass and I say it. If it cannot be used I'll try to get a photo, but my letter is so long too long, so thanking you again, I am

Your loving, grateful admirer, EMMA V. CHADWICK, Care Wm. Chadwick, National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va.

Honor Roll and Booklovers' Contest

Dear Boys and Girls:

The winners of the first prizes given for excellence in yearly work are announced to-day as Emma V. Chadwick, of Hampton, Va., and Edgar Marburg, of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of Virginia.

A letter sent to Emma telling her of the honor to be conferred on her asked for a photograph to be used on to-day's page. She replied that she had never had a photograph taken, but that she would send a pen picture, which she had drawn by keeping a looking glass before her while doing the drawing, which you will note at the head of her letter. Edgar's photograph is, he says, very much as he looks.

Emma Chadwick has been a member of the Children's Club from its beginning in 1907, and her work is its own best praise. If the Times-Dispatch through its Children's Club and the opportunities it has offered, has helped her even a little toward the profession of art, which is her aim, it has certainly done a good work.

Edgar Marburg has been doing work for the club for about a year and a half. In Philadelphia, where he lives during the winter, he has many chances to cultivate his talent for pen and ink drawing along several lines, and his contributions throughout 1910 indicate that he is observant and quick to turn these chances to account.

The page to-day represents as much of the best work sent in as space has permitted. There were a number of stories and letters written in pencil on both sides of the paper, and in some instances unsigned. These, of course, could not be used. The same is true of drawings done in blue ink, on paper which is not white. The editor is sorry, but dear girls and boys, rules are made to be kept, not broken.

In the meantime a February heading, not over two inches in depth and six and a half in width is needed. The proper hopes a good design and the proper artist to do the work.

The honor roll is published for the first time this week. After February 1 a booklovers' contest will be inaugurated at the head of the puzzle column for those interested. A list of the best books for children will be given once a few each week, and those who guess the names of authors most correctly will be prize winners. The rules governing the contest will accompany the names.

Your friend and reader, EDGAR MARBURG, JR., JOCELLA.

HONOR ROLL.

Evelyn E. Dyke, Newport News, Va.; Gilbert Smith, South Hill, Va.; Clarence K. Spencer, Brookland, Va.; John Bruce, Richmond, Va.

THE WEEK'S CONTRIBUTORS.

- Anderson, Mary; Alley, Frank, Jr.; Anthony, Blanche; Bruce, John; Boyd, Harry A.; Brown, Thos. W.; Barrow, Gladys; Barrett, Alma; Readles, Bessie; Brown, Marion F.; Barrow, Gladys; Broadbent, M.; Rowley, Edna; Bowles, Irvine H.; Crawford, A. C.; Cox, Thomas A.; Chatter, Mabel; Chester, Agnes; Chandler, Ruth; Camden, Susie; Currier, Richard; Cox, Thomas; Charles, Alma; Drewry, Wm. E.; Davis, J. H., Jr.; Dyke, Evelyn E.; Dunn, Florence G.; Dahn, Emma; Eider, Curtis G.; Gary, Wm. S.; Gary, Julian H.; Gilliam, Anne B.; Gayle, Bertha; Graves, F. Earle; Hamilton, Marie A.; Gilliam, R. D., Jr.; Gilliam, Charlotte; Gilliam, Sandy; Hutchinson, Ida; Ingham, Aetha; Jones, Gertrude; Jones, Russell; Whitehurst, Celia.

THE WEEK'S PRIZE WINNERS.

Miss Jessie Moseley, 313 West Clay Street, for name picture puzzle. Curtis G. Eider, Brookland, Va., for drawing of girl's head. Arthur C. Crawford, Devitt, Va., for a story, "Where the Churn Went."

WHERE THE CHURN WENT.

Once upon a time the people were going to a Thanksgiving party. None of them wanted to stay at home and cook the turkey. But the little boy did stay there. He made a snow man, and as he finished it they came up. Then that man that worked there put a pipe in his mouth.

The little boy said: "I am not going to smoke when I get a man, and my snow man is not going to smoke either." They all laughed at him, and when a day or two they wanted to churn, they could not find the churn. The snow man's arm stayed there a long time. The old snow man stayed out there in the front yard. Once the sun shone on him. When the little boy looked out of the window he saw the churn.

Grandma said: "The window he saw the churn now, and I would give another churn for you."

ARTHUR C. CRAWFORD, Devitt, Va.



EDWARD MARBURG, JR.

Edward Marburg, like Emma Chadwick, is well known to members of the Children's Club through his excellent work, which has added to the value of the club page for the past year. Edgar writes an appreciative letter regarding the gold prize he has won, saying in it:

Dear Editor—I certainly was awfully surprised and delighted to put it mildly, when I received your letter yesterday telling me that I was one of the lucky year's prize winners. I have had so much pleasure from the T. D. C. G. since I have been a member that I would have been fully rewarded for my small amount of work from that alone, but to get this will encourage me to try even next year. I did this. When father heard of the prize he pulled a dollar bill out of his pocket and slipped it into my hand. That wasn't bad, was it? I am anxious to hear who has been awarded the second prize. Who ever it is, I want to heartily congratulate him or her, and am sending, as you requested, a picture of myself. It is small, but the only one I have taken recently. It was taken two weeks ago and it is a fairly good likeness. I hope you will be able to make it large enough for publication. With best wishes for the club, I remain

Your friend and reader, EDGAR MARBURG, JR., JOCELLA.

Joceffa was a tiny dwarf who lived under the roots of a large oak tree. Now, Joceffa was a very wicked little man. He did all kinds of wicked things.

One day a king had a big feast in honor of the princess's twenty-first birthday. King Victor was a very wealthy man. He had lots of precious gems and gold stored away in a cellar. Joceffa heard of the feast and thought it a good time to get more gems, for he had stolen lots of them. When it was dark, Joceffa dug a tiny hole in the ground until he got to his home. The bag feast lasted three days, and Joceffa had plenty of time when every one was asleep, Joceffa entered the princess's bed room and captured the beautiful sleeping princess. When he entered her bed room he didn't notice that a little girl was sleeping on a small bed near the princess. The little maid awoke just as he was taking the princess out of bed. As soon as he was out of the room Marya jumped up, and crept behind Joceffa until he got to the oak tree. Then he disappeared in a tiny hole. Marya then went back to the palace and awoke the king and his men. Then she related the story of seeing the dwarf steal the princess. When he heard it the king was very angry. He bade his men go and dig up the princess and dwarf. The men went to the tree and commenced to dig. The dwarf was frightened and changed himself into a mole, and away he went through the ground. When he got to the princess and found a lot of precious gems. The king gave Marya half of the gems taken from the dwarf for being so true to the princess.

Composed by GLADYS BARROW, Barrow's Store, Va.

THE HORSE FAIR.

The beautiful picture entitled "The Horse Fair" is the masterpiece of the great French painter, Rosa Marie Bonheur. She was a great animal painter, born in 1822. Her masterpiece is a large museum in New York.

There are various stories told about Rosa Bonheur. One is that she used to dress in men's clothes and go around in the stables and pastures to study the ways of different animals. It is said that she wore men's clothing because her long skirts were in the way when she was running in and out of stables and around the pastures.

"The Horse Fair" is a beautiful picture. In the foreground we see large oxen prancing about so that the muscular-looking men can hardly hold them. One large horse is standing up on his hind legs. The horses are very large, and look very wild. There is one large white one in the back, which seems so anxious to have his own way.

In the background we see a hill covered with trees. We also see a large dome of a building. It justly deserves the place of masterpiece. I think it one of the prettiest pictures I ever saw.

Composed by EVELYN E. DYKE, 2014 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

MY HOME.

I live in Lunenburg county, on a farm. My father's name is John B. Jones. He owns 600 acres of land, and we raise tobacco, corn, oats, wheat, grass, vegetables, cattle and hogs every year. I have seven sisters and two brothers. Two of my sisters are married, and one of my brothers, he lives in Blackstone and has just graduated at the University of Virginia. One of my married sisters has twins. They are four years old and exactly alike. Most people can't tell one from the other. My other married sister has three children, two girls and one boy. My married brother has one little boy. He lives in Georgetown, in Alexandria county. Two of my other sisters are teaching this winter. One is going to school in Washington, D. C. One is staying at home, and my youngest sister and myself go to school, about two miles from home. We ride every morning.

GERTRUDE JONES, Brydly, Va.

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SANDY GILLIAM, 15 Fillmore St., Petersburg, Va.

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C. G. ELDER.

Puzzle Department

INITIAL LETTER PUZZLE.



WHAT SIX ANIMALS

CURTIS G. ELDER, Brookland, Va.

ANIMAL PICTURE PUZZLE.



JESSIE MOSELEY, 313 West Clay Street, City.

Soldier and His Battle.

In the following puzzle the words contain from three to five letters each. When rightly guessed, and written one below the other the first letters will, when read from top to bottom, spell the name of a great soldier, and the third letters will spell the name of a battle he fought:

- 1. The side of a room.
2. A tropical tree.
3. A piece of music.
4. Very large.
5. A flower.
6. Part of the face.
7. A hard wind.
8. Water from the eyes.
9. To hold as property.
10. A nestful of pheasants.

Composed by RICHARD GILLIAM, JR., 15 Fillmore Street, Petersburg, Va.

Drop-Letter Puzzle.

Supply missing vowels to form girls' names:

- 1. M-y.
2. M-ry.
3. M-r-r-.
4. M-r-an-.
5. -d-ly.
6. -d-th.
7. -p-.
8. -b-b-l-.
9. -l-z-n-th-.
10. L-ey.
11. L-ly.
12. N-l-l-.
13. B-ty-.
14. B-th.

ANSWERED BY ANNE B. GILLIAM, AGES 12, 15 Fillmore Street, Petersburg, Va.

Supply Letters.

- 1. C-e grows in C-s.
2. T-a grows in J-n.
3. T-u grows in V-a.
4. N-w Y-i, B-on and W-ton are cities.
5. -r grows in West I-n.
6. The C-rs bloom in S-r.

Answers to Last Week's Puzzles.

Answers to jumbled animals: 1. Jaguar. 2. Elephant. 3. Monkey. 4. Tiger. 5. Horse. 6. Lion. 7. Dog. Composed by CELIA WHITEHURST, Tucker, Va.

Answers to names of great men.

Lincoln, McKinley, Jefferson, Columbus, Bonaparte, Franklin. Composed by CHARLOTTE BONNEY, 313 Orchard Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Answer to Conundrums.

- 1. The note, because when you put it into your pocket you double it, and when you take it out again you see it increased.
2. Adam, because he was the first in the race.
3. They raised Cain.
4. Because he smokes when it is going out.
5. Because what's done cannot be helped.
6. Because they live their next world (necks twisted) in this.
7. To keep his coat buttoned.
8. Because the most trouble is caused by the breakers.
9. When he takes a roll in bed. BARBARA WINSTON LEWIS, Age 11, Hanover Courthouse, Va.

Answers to jumbled aviators.

- 1. Drexel. 2. Brookins. 3. Latham. 4. Hamilton. THOS. W. BROWN, 502 West Marshall Street, Richmond.

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CLARENCE SPENCER.



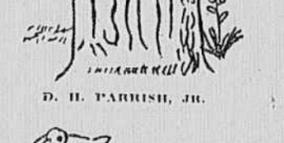
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